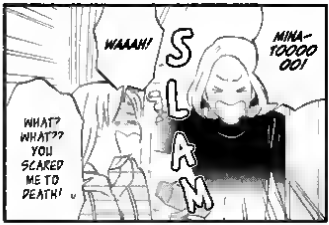
Chapter 40 X Three People in a Room

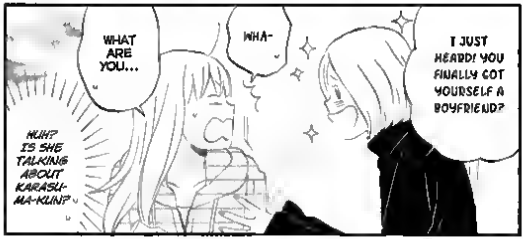
WEL-
COME
BACK,
MINA-
TO-
IT'S
COLD OUT
THERE. DO
YOU WANT
SOME
TEA?
TOORU'S
HERE
TOO
TODAY-
EH.
I'LL
PASS
ON THE
TEA, BUT
I'LL GO
TAKE A
BATH
STEP
STEP
ARE
YOU
SURE?
I-I'M
HOME...
WEL-
COME
BACK
...
WALK
WALK
LATELY,
MINATO'S BEEN
COMING HOME
LATE AND SHE
SEEMS LOST IN
THOUGHT A
LOT...
I WONDER
IF SHE'S
FALLEN IN
WITH A BAD
CROWD OR
SOME-
THING...
...
CLICK

UH...

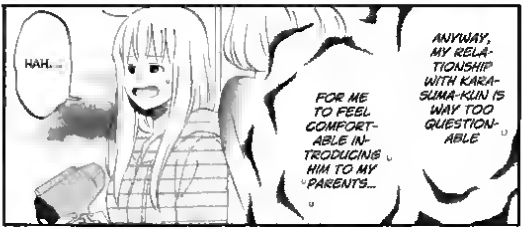
TOORU, HAVE YOU HEARD ANY-THING?


WAAAH!
MIHA-TOOOOOO!
SLAM
WHAT? WHAT?? YOU SCARED ME TO DEATH!

WHOOSH


WHAT ARE YOU...
WHA-
I JUST HEARD! YOU FINALLY GOT YOURSELF A BOYFRIEND?
HUH? IS SHE TALKING ABOUT KARASU-MA-KUN?

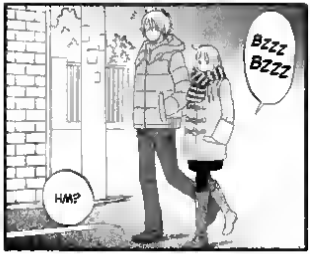
T-TOO-RU!!!
WAH
I KNEW IT!
INTRO-DUCE HIM TO US!
YOU HAVE TO TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT! DON T BE SHY~
TOORU JUST TOLD ME!

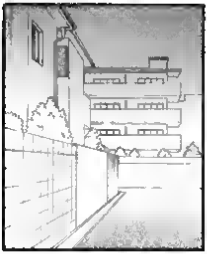

HAH...
FOR ME TO FEEL COMFORT-ABLE IN-TRODUCING HIM TO MY PARENTS...
ANYWAY, MY RELA-TIONSHIP WITH KARA-SUMA-KUN IS WAY TOO QUESTION-ABLE

Hmmm!!
LOOKS TO ME LIKE SHE DEFI-NITELY DOESN'T WANT TO BRING HIM TO MEET US.
Haha

JUST

SIGH
YEAH, YEAH.
I'LL DO IT EVEN-TUALLY
SO FOR NOW, JUST LET ME SLEEP

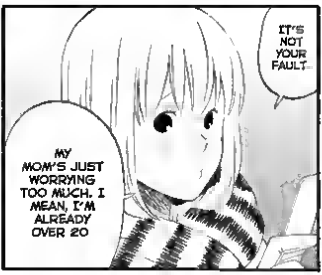

Bzzz Bzzz
HM?



I WONDER HOW MANY TIMES IT'S BEEN NOW
SHE'S BEEN TEXTING ME "WHERE R U?" A LOT LATELY.
IS SHE JUST WORRIED?
SORRY, I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE I KEEP BRINGING YOU BACK SO LATE.

I GOT ANOTHER TEXT FROM MY MOM.

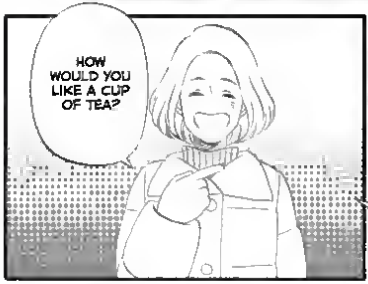
CLICK
"I'LL BE HOME IN A LITTLE BIT"
AND SEND
CLICK
CLICK


IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
MY MOM'S JUST WORRYING TOO MUCH. I MEAN, I'M ALREADY OVER 20

WHAT'S THIS? MINA-TO WHAT A COINCI-DENCE~
YEAH, GOOD NIGHT ..
AL-RIGHT THEN, GOOD NIGHT
WHY ARE YOU HERE, MOM?
pant
pant
HUH? WHAT?
haa
haa
OH HO HO!
I WANTED SOMETHING SWEET ALL OF A SUD-DEN, SO I BOUGHT SOME CAKE!
I JUST GOT BACK FROM THE CONVE-NIENCE STORE!
Ha
THAT TEXT WAS DEFINITE-LY SO THAT SHE COULD FIGURE OUT WHEN WE WERE COMING HOME AND OR-CHESTRATE THIS MEETING

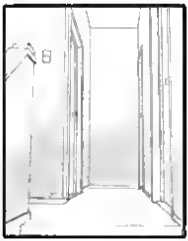
WOW~ IT'S SO NICE TO MEET YOU KARASU-MA-KUN!
BOW
NICE TO MEET YOU. MY NAME'S KARASU-MA.
UFUFU!

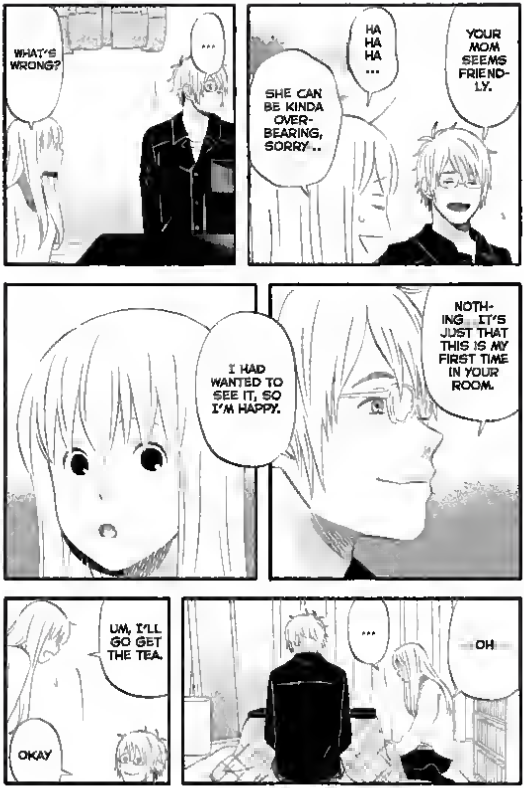
H-HELLO.
..OH! AND WHO DO WE HAVE HERE? COULD THIS BE YOUR BOYFRIEND?


HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A CUP OF TEA?

UGH.. I TOTALLY UNDERESTIMATED HOW MUCH OF A BUSYBODY SHE IS. NOW SHE'S GONNA BOMBARD KARASUMA-KUN WITH QUESTIONS.
WELL THEN,

SHE WASN'T PLANNING ON JUST ASKING QUESTIONS.
...
OH NO SHE ACTUALLY WENT AND INVITED HIM INSIDE.




WHAT'S WRONG?
...
YOUR MOM SEEMS FRIENDLY.
HA HA HA ...
SHE CAN BE KINDA OVERBEARING, SORRY..
NOTHING IT'S JUST THAT THIS IS MY FIRST TIME IN YOUR ROOM.
I HAD WANTED TO SEE IT, SO I'M HAPPY.
UM, I'LL GO GET THE TEA.
OKAY
...
OH

I'M KINDA NERVOUS.
IF I THINK ABOUT IT, I HAVEN'T HAD A LOT OF GUYS IN MY ROOM BEFORE...
EVEN TOORU'S NEVER BEEN INSIDE MUCH BECAUSE WE WERE ON SUCH BAD TERMS.
GO
SE
TAP
TAP
PROBABLY SINCE IT'S KINDA HARD TO REFUSE HIM
MAYBE KATSURA-KUN?
Yaaaay☆
THE ONLY GUYS THAT HAVE EVER BEEN IN MY ROOM ARE...
HM...
UGH... HIS TIMING SUCKS.
HUH? YOU'RE HERE, TOO?
YEAH.
swish

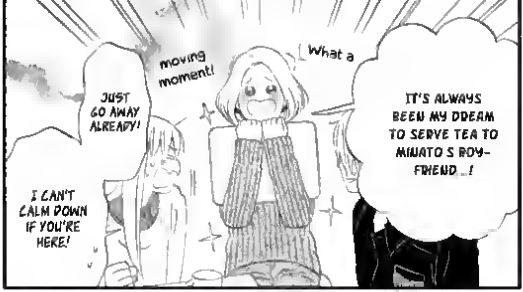
HMM... I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE HASUKI HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO SEE MINA MUCH LATELY...
ISN'T IT FINE? I CAN COME HOME WHENEVER I WANT.
HE MIGHT JUST MOVE BACK IN AFTER MINA BREAKS UP WITH HIM.

HEY, AREN'T YOU SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME HERE?
WHAT'S THE POINT IN YOU LIVING ALONE?

OH HO HO~
THAT'S ALRIGHT, HONEY!
I DON'T MIND TAKING IT!
EHHH!

HERE, I BROUGHT SOME FOR TOORU TOO~
'KAY
STEP STEP
You can eat them in your room!
AH,
THANKS FOR THE TEA. I CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE.

JUST LIKE THIS...
CLINK


What a moving moment!
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM TO SERVE TEA TO MINATO'S BOY-FRIEND..!
JUST GO AWAY ALREADY!
I CAN'T CALM DOWN IF YOU'RE HERE!

SIL-ENCE
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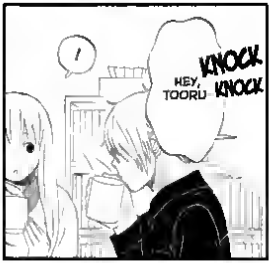
THANKS
OH HO HO! TAKE YOUR TIME~

COULD YOU JUST GO TO MINATO'S ROOM FOR ME?
HAH? WHY?


KNOCK KNOCK
HEY, TOORU

I MEAN, WE DON'T WANT THEM DOING ANYTHING THEY'LL REGRET, RIGHT?
I'M HAPPY SHE'S FINALLY GOTTEN HERSELF A BOYFRIEND.
BUT SHE'S SUCH A SERIOUS GIRL THAT SHE'S PROBABLY OVER THE MOON RIGHT NOW AND I'M WORRIED THAT SHE'LL END UP DOING SOMETHING THAT SHE CAN'T TAKE BACK !!
MOM!
YOUR VOICE IS TOO LOUD!
I WANT TO DISAPPEAR!
SHUT
CLICK
I'M JUST GONNA SIT HERE, SO DON'T MIND ME.
DON'T ASK FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE.
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DU

I FEEL BAD FOR KARASUMA-KUN IN THIS SITUATION, TOO...
...
LET'S JUST DRINK THE TEA AND SET KARASUMA-KUN TO LEAVE
WITH THE THREE OF US IN ONE ROOM, THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH POTENTIAL FOR DISASTER
UGH... THE ATMOSPHERE IN HERE IS CRUSHING ME...!
EH!
EH...
HOW HAS YOUR GIRLFRIEND BEEN LATELY?
WHAT? WHAT ARE TRYING TO DO KARASUMA-KUN!?
IS THAT SO.
SHE'S BEEN BUSY WITH COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS, SO I HAVEN'T SEEN HER

YOU HAVEN'T INTRODUCED HER TO YOUR FAMILY YET?
I'M SURE IT WOULD MAKE YOUR MOM HAPPY.
...
YOU HAVEN'T MET HER EITHER, HAVE YOU, MINATO?
N-NO
NOT THAT I EVEN COULD...
...I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE HER EVENTUALLY...
HM... I SEE.
UM, UH HOW ABOUT YOU TRY THE LAKE KARASUMA-KUN? THE CAKE!
IT'S JUST THE CONVENIENCE STORE BRAND BUT IT'S REALLY GOOD. OKAY?
YOU KNOW, I'VE ACTUALLY MET TOORU'S GIRL FRIEND BEFORE
EM.

IS KARASUMA-KUN... TRYING TO OUT ME RIGHT NOW??
IS HE TALKING ABOUT THAT TIME? I MEAN, I GUESS HE DID MEET MINA THEN
BUT I'D REALLY RATHER TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE... COULD IT BE...
STANDS
HEY.
AREN'T YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT SHE'S LIKE, MINATO?
UH...
WE NEED TO TALK.
...
EH...
OPENS

Hm
YOU DID SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO SAY ANYTHING WHEN WE WERE ON THE SKI TRIP?
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOU, RIGHT?
...
IS THERE SOME REASON WHY YOU CAN'T INTRODUCE HER RIGHT NOW?
AND ANYWAY, WHEN ARE YOU PLANNING TO INTRODUCE HER?
GETTING A GIRLFRIEND WHO LOOKS LIKE YOUR SISTER
IF WE'RE BEING HONEST, YOU'RE JUST SCARED OF BEING FOUND OUT BY MINATO, RIGHT?

ISN'T IT SCARY THAT MINATO MIGHT FIND OUT YOUR REAL FEELINGS?
...

YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT...

CLATTER
?

KARASUMA-KUN MADE A PROMISE TO ME, SO THAT DEFINITELY WON'T HAPPEN... I HOPE...
NO...

...LISH, WHAT DID YOU NEED TO TALK ABOUT, TOORU?
WHAT IF TOORU FINDS OUT WHILE THEY'RE TALKING...

OPENS
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
WHA-
WAIT, HOLD IT!
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TWO DOING??
PLEASE STOP! ARE YOU TWO FIGHTING?
SIT-
...
DS
IT'S NOTHING I'M GOING TO BED.
TSMPS

IT'S OKAY.
I GUESS I JUST RUBBED HIM THE WRONG WAY...
I'M SO SORRY, HE'S NOT NORMALLY LIKE THAT...

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minato's room
UT

THANKS FOR HAVING ME
I THINK I'LL HEAD HOME NOW.

KNOCK KNOCK
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN HIM LIKE THAT...
IT LOOKED LIKE TOORU REALLY HATES KARAGUMA-KUN!...
...
GEEZ, THAT SCARED ME!
HUH?
IS EVERY-THING GOING OKAY BE-TWEEN YOU TWO?
WH-WHAT IS IT?
.. CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A SEC?
WELL ..
HE SEEMED REALLY IRRI-TATED AND IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THINGS WERE GOING SO WELL
I DON'T THINK YOUR BOYFRIEND FEELS THE SAME WAY
...
What's up all of a sudden
I-I THINK IT'S GOING NORMAL-LY.

DID YOU GUYS FIGHT OR SOMETHING?
...KARASUMA-KUN SEEMED IRRITATED?
DOES THAT MEAN THAT HE REVEALS MORE TO TOORU THAN HE DOES TO ME?
BUT EVEN IF YOU TELL ME HE'S IRRITATED...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT...
SINCE I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON IN HIS HEAD RIGHT NOW...
IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE HE'S WORRIED YOU'RE GONNA GET STOLEN BY SOME OTHER GUY.
EHHH?
SOME OTHER GUY? LIKE WHO?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW!

...ME?
DID YOU DO SOMETHING TO MAKE HIM UNEASY?
SINCE HE'S SO WORRIED,
I GUESS IF YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT...
WE'RE ONLY DATING SO THAT I CAN BUY HIS SILENCE... WHICH ISN'T EXACTLY A SITUATION THAT INSPIRES CONFIDENCE.
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE CHOSE ME GOING OUT WITH HIM AS HIS PRICE...
BUT I'M SURE THAT IT'S NOT THE KIND OF SITUATION HE HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED FOR...
ALTHOUGH THAT DOESN'T MEAN I KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO ABOUT IT...
I SEE.
IF YOU ASK ME...

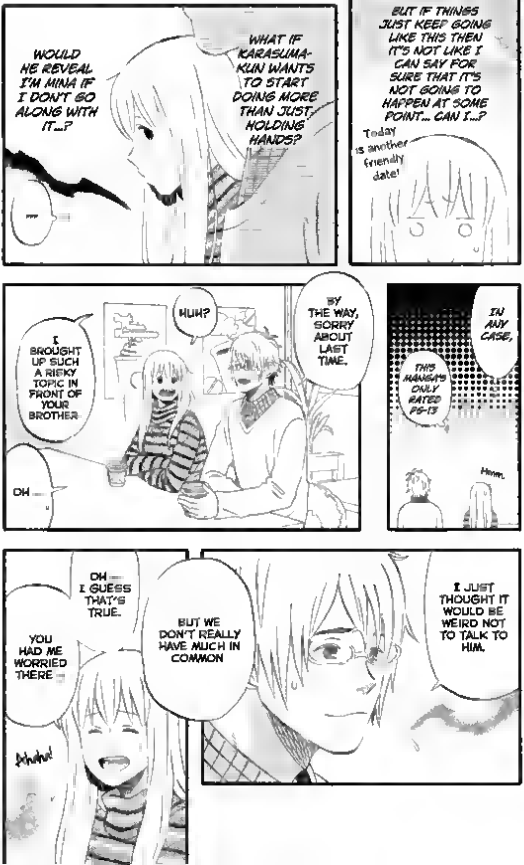
I'M TELLING YOU THAT HE'S IRRITATED BECAUSE HE'S SEXUALLY FRUSTRATED
HAH!?

HE'S DEFINITELY SEXUALLY FRUSTRATED

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD MAKE OUT WITH HIM WHEN OUR RELATIONSHIP IS SO SKETCHY!!!
MOREOVER!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
Wh-
wh-
wh-
KARASUMA-KUN ISN'T LIKE THAT!
HE'D PROBABLY FEEL BETTER IF YOU JUST MADE OUT WITH HIM MORE-

...IS WHAT I THOUGHT...


BUT IF THINGS JUST KEEP GOING LIKE THIS THEN IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN SAY FOR SURE THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN AT SOME POINT... CAN I...?
Today is another friendly date!
WHAT IF KARASUMA-KUN WANTS TO START DOING MORE THAN JUST HOLDING HANDS?
WOULD HE REVEAL I'M MINA IF I DON'T GO ALONG WITH IT...?
...
BY THE WAY, SORRY ABOUT LAST TIME.
HUH?
I BROUGHT UP SUCH A RISKY TOPIC IN FRONT OF YOUR BROTHER
OH...
IN ANY CASE,
THIS MANGA'S ONLY RATED PG-13
Hmm.
I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WEIRD NOT TO TALK TO HIM.
BUT WE DON'T REALLY HAVE MUCH IN COMMON
OH... I GUESS THAT'S TRUE.
YOU HAD ME WORRIED THERE...
Ahahaha!

BUT KARASU-MA-KUN WOULDN'T DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
THAT'S RIGHT. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THIS SITUATION WILL LAST.
...
THEN WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER TO MY HOUSE?
YEAH, I DON'T HAVE ANY-THING PLANN-ED.
OH,
OH YEAH, ARE YOU FREE AFTER THIS?
THERE'S NO ONE HOME TODAY.